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Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This patent application presently includes Claims 1-16.

In the Office Action dated December 23, 2004, which may be responded to by January 23, 2005, election of one of the inventions, i.e., Group I (claims 1-13) and Group II (claims 14-16), was required under 35 U.S.C. § 121. In response to this requirement, Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-13) drawn to an article carrier/blank. This election is made **without** traverse.

In addition to the above requirement, the Examiner also required election of one of the species, i.e., Species 1 (Figures 1-4), Species 2 (Figures 5-7) and Species 3 (Figures 8-10). In response to this requirement, Applicant hereby elects Species 1 (Figures 1-4) on which claims 1-16 are readable. This election is made <u>without</u> traverse.

In harmony with both the above two separate elections, please consider claims 1-13 in the examination of the present application. Claims 14-16 may be withdrawn from Examiner's

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consideration. However, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 5 and 6 are generic to all Species 1-3.

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